Induction of Women into Indian Navy

1356. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal under government's consideration to induct women into Indian Navy?

(b) if so, the various kinds of posts in which they are likely to be recruited ; and

(c) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI LALIT VIJAY SINGH) : (a) to (c) The Naval Hqrs have been mooted a proposal for the induction of women in the Education, Logistics and Law cadres of the Indian Navy, where the job requirements are of an administrative nature. A final view in the matter is yet to be taken by the Government.

Scholarhsip to SC/ST Students for undergoing higher studies abroad

1357. SHRI JAGADISH JANI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a proposal to give passage grant and scholarships to SC and ST students to undergo higher studies in other countries ;

(b) if so, the number of SC and ST students proposed to be sent abroad under the scheme during the 1990-91 ; and

(c) the details of the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) : (a) and (b) The Ministry of Welfare has a passage Grant and National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes etc. Students to pursue higher studies abroad. During the year 1990-91, 9 passage grants and 25 National Overseas Awards are available under the scheme.

(c) Passage Grants under the Passage Grants Scheme are provided to those students who are already in receipt of a merit scholarship from a foreign government/ organisation or under any other scheme where cost of passage is not given for pursuing post graduate studies, research or training. Scholarships during 1990-91 under National Overseas Scholarship Scheme are offered for pursuing Bachelor's Degree in Printing Technology, Post-Graduation in Naval Architecture/Off-shore structures, automation and robotics, reliablity engineering, laser technology and paper technology and also Post-Graduate studies leading to Ph. D and Post Doctoral research/ Specialised training in such disciplines where suitable facilities are not available in India. These awards are not available for Agriculture and allied subjects and veterinary sciences, medical sciences and subjects/fields relating to Indian studies. Only one child of the same parents/ guardian is eligible for the scholarship. The candidate should not be more than 35 years of age as on 1st October of year of award. This is relaxable upto 3 years in case of candidates well qualified as decided by the Selection Committee.

The prevailing rates of scholarships are as follows :—

(a) *Maintenance allowance* : Maintenace allowance @ US $ 5,400 per annum for graduate studies, US $ 6,000 per annum for Post Graduate and Ph.D courses, US $ 7,000 per annum for Post Doctoral courses

(b) An allowance upto US $ 350 per annum to meet actual cost

of books, typing and binding of thesis, study tour, essential apparatus.

(c) Tution, examination fees and medical/health insurance charges.

(d) Equipment allowance of Rs. 1,000/- and incidental journey expense equivalent upto £ 12.

(e) To and fro passage.

Steps to improve socio-economic conditions of tribals

1358. SHRI JAGADISH JANI · Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of tribals in different States and how many of them are living below poverty line ; and

(b) what steps have been taken to improve their socio-economic conditions ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN) · (a) Percentages of Scheduled Tribe population to total population in different States/Union territories at 1981 Census are given in the annexed statement. (*See below*) Precise data regarding Scheduled Tribe population below the poverty line are not available

(b) Family beneficiary oriented Programmes have been undertaken in various sectors of development, such as, Agriculture, Rural Development, Horticulture, Minor Irrigation, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, Forestry, Seri-culture, Village and Cottage Industries, etc., to provide economic assistance to the Scheduled Tribe families below the poverty line.

Statement

State/U.T-wise percentage of Scheduled Tribes population to total population at 1981 Census

S No	Name of State/U T	Percentage of Scheduled Tribes population to total population at 1981 Census
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh .	5 93
2	Arunachal Pradesh	69 82
3	Assam*	11 00
4	Bihar	8 31
5	Goa, Daman & Diu	0 99
6	Gujarat	14 22
7	Haryana	Nil
8	Himachal Pradesh	4 61
9.	Jammu & Kashmir** .	3 07
10	Karnataka	4 91
11	Kerala	1 03
12	Madhya Pradesh	22 97
13	Maharashtra .	9 19
14	Manipur .	27 30
15	Meghalaya	80·58
16	Mizoram .	93·55
17	Nagaland	84 00
18	Orissa	22 43
19	Punjab . . .	Nil
20	Rajasthan	12 21
21.	Sikkim	23 27
22.	Tamil Nadu	1 07
23.	Tripura	28 44
24.	Uttar Pradesh	0 21